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1. REFTTEL A AND REFTTEL B NOTE THAT GOI HAS INDEED APPROVED
THE LAST SEVEN OF THE TWELVE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS.
AS NOTED IN REFTTEL C ONE OF THIS GROUP HAD BEEN APPROVED AND
FOUR (NOT FIVE AS NOTED IN REFTTEL A) HAD BEEN REJECTED LAST
YEAR.

2. DESHPANDE, DOST, HAS WRITTEN TO FOUR MINISTRIES TO DETERMINE
THE STATUS OF THE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-TWO PROJECTS SCIENCE
OFFICERS BELIEVE ARE IN PIPELINE. HE UTILIZED THE LIST THAT
WE PROVIDED ON THE PROJECTS WE THOUGHT WERE IN PIPELINE.
DESHPANDE WILL NOTIFY US OF STATUS WHEN HE GETS ALL OF THE
RESPONSES.

3. DESHPANDE SAYS THAT AMBASSADOR SINGH IS KEEN TO HOLD THE
S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING AS PLANNED. HE ALSO SAYS THE
AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN FLOODING DELHI WITH MESSAGES TO GET THE
GOI TO MOVE ON GETTING PROJECTS THROUGH THE APPROVAL CYCLE.
DESHPANDE CLAIMS THAT POSTPONING THE MEETING WOULD HAVE
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NEGATIVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND "LOOKS BAD FOR THE
AMBASSADOR". FROM DESHPANDE'S VIEW THE AMBASSADOR, A MAN OF
ACTION, HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE AND HAS GOT THE GOI TO MOVE.

4. THE SCIATT SPOKE WITH NAG CHAUDHURI, INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF
S&T SUBCOMMISSION, WHO HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH DESHPANDE, ABTGT THE SUBCOMMISSION MEETING. NAG CHAUDHURI

NOTED THAT THE INDIANS ELECTIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD HERE ON MARCH 16 WOULD MAKE THE ORIGINAL MEETING SCHEDULE INOPPORTUNE. HE ALSO FELT, ALTHOUGH HE OBVIOUSLY HADN'T CHECKED, THAT THE INDIAN SCIENTISTS REALLY NEEDED MORE TIME TO PREPARE, AND THAT NEW PROJECTS MIGHT BE READY FOR A LATER MEETING THAN ONE HELD AS SCHEDULED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE S&T MEETING MIGHT FOLLOW THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 4-5.

5. SINCE THERE NOW SEEMS TO BE SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITHIN THE GOI REGARDING ADVISABILITY OF A POSTPONEMENT OF THE S & T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING ON SCHEDULE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE IT TO AMBASSADOR KEWAL SINGH IN WASHINGTON TO SORT OUT THE DATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. AS FAR AS THE US SIDE IS CONCERNED, WE BELIEVE THAT GOI APPROVAL OF PROJECTS JUSTIFIES PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE IF THAT IS WHAT THE GOI WANTS TO DO.
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